

Lincoln Visited by Diversity Teacher

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Dr. Samuel Betances, a world renowned sociologist and expert on the subject of workplace diversity paid a visit to the crew of USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) Dec. 8 to speak about the importance of tolerance and diversity in the Navy.

More than 3,000 members of Lincoln's crew paused from their busy Dry-dock Planned Incremental Availability (DPIA) schedule at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard to attend Betance's lecture at Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton's Concourse West Fitness Center gym.

Betances holds a doctorate degree from Harvard University and has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey television show and authored several books. He has also served as a consultant to top U.S. political and military leaders, Fortune 500 company executives, and has lectured to audiences around the world.

"Diversity is not about representation, it's about utilization," Betances said. "Our mission is to add value to the great things that you already do by making sure that everyone has a fair opportunity to be developed to their fullest potential."

Betances' stage presence and energy captivated the crowd as he related personal experiences and hilarious anecdotes. From the moment he walked on stage, his humorous approach to lec-



Photo by MCSN James R. Evans

Dr. Samuel Betances speaks to Abe Sailors during command diversity training held at Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton's Concourse West Fitness Center Gym.

turing and gift for physical comedy kept the audience laughing while simultaneously focusing attention on the important topics of race, religious tolerance, and sex discrimination.

Betances' knowledge of the difficulties faced by military lead-

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Lincoln Welcomes Holiday Spirit with Christmas Party

By MC2(SW) MICHAEL HART
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December marks the holiday season and USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) officially welcomed the season of giving by throwing a command Christmas party in the Commons at Naval Station Everett on Dec. 9.

The party, whose theme was "Christmas for Christmas' Sake," was organized by Abe's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) division and offered Abe's Sail-

ors and their families a chance to build relationships and pass on their holiday well wishes.

"These parties give people one last chance to say 'Merry Christmas' before they go on leave," said John Porter, Abe's Fun Boss. "It's also a good chance to help build camaraderie among everyone that's here."

During the party, Sailors and their families enjoyed menus in the gymnasium and the ball room and various activities such as playing in the casino, watching live

comedy acts at Tremors, singing karaoke, dancing to a DJ or live band, or getting their caricature done.

"The caricature artist is probably the most popular attraction," said Lt. Jeff Richter, the party's coordinator. "That man sat down at 6:15 p.m. and has been constantly busy."

Even though MWR made sure there was plenty of entertainment for everyone, some people in attendance were just happy

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Gibson's New Passion: Apocalypto

By MC2(SW) DAN CLEARY
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Hello you crazy cats of the swinging realm of cinema. This week's movie is the epic adventure Apocalypto directed by Mel Gibson.

The story is set during a dying Mayan culture of 15th-century Mexico. Our hero is young Jaguar Paw (*Rudy Youngblood*).

That's right. The main actor's name is Rudy Youngblood; eat your heart out Jean-Claude van Damme. The movie follows the trial and tribulations of this young buck.

I would explain the story to you normally, but it's a real simple story and by explaining it, I'd be giving away what the movies about.

Not knowing what you're about to see only heightens the experience. Let me assure you though, the story is simple but captivating.

Apocalypto is like no movie you'll ever see. Imagine mixing the Discovery Channel, the History Channel, and an extremely gory movie; that's what would sum up this movie.

It's like when the *Matrix* came out, nobody had ever seen movie like that. The same is to be said of Apocalypto.

I mean it when I say this movie is gory. Some of the scenes in this movie would make a zombie cringe. For example, there

is a scene where a jaguar is gnawing on a guy's face while he is still alive.

This movie gives the impression that Mayans didn't give a second thought to killing everything and everyone. There's also a whole lot of nudity so make sure to leave your little moviegoers behind.

Overall, this movie is really worth seeing. If you don't want to see this movie is because it's subtitled, don't worry, the dialogue is short and to the point. You won't miss an action scene because you're reading. So bring your money, and probably a barf bag, and hit up MWR for a ticket to see this future classic.



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News

On The Frozen Tundra of Qwest Field

By MC1 JEANNETTE BOWLES

Penny Press editor

When Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handling 2nd Class David Knoll raised his right hand and pledged another four years to his country, he wasn't alone. Instead, he had family, friends, co-workers, and over 50,000 Seattle Seahawks fans watching him. On Monday, November 27, Knoll reenlisted for a second time on the Seahawks' Qwest Field before their Monday night game against the Green Bay Packers.

Knoll, who is from Wisconsin and a Green Bay Packers fan, knew that the game would be a perfect opportunity to combine his two loves; the Navy and the Packers.

"I thought it would be a great time to do it when the Seahawks were playing the Packers," Knoll said. "This is the first time the Packers have come anywhere to where I've been stationed. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity not only to reenlist for another four years and serve my country, but to do it in front of a crowd of 50,000 plus and the Packers."

Knoll said he reenlisted for another four years on the sidelines in the south end zone. Cmdr. Brad Margeson, USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Air Boss, reenlisted Knoll. After, Knoll said they went over to the Seahawks' sidelines and did the National Anthem, all saluting.

Knoll said he had full support from the Seahawks staff who arranged for him to reenlist on the field.

"The Seattle Seahawks organization was really receptive to us, to the military and it was nice at the game too because so many people thanked us for our service," Knoll said. "It was really something else to get that kind of reception and it made the whole group feel good."

Knoll said the Seahawks' organization gave him and his group field passes and took them onto the field an hour before the game. Once the game started, Knoll and his wife took their seats in the stands. Knoll said the rest of his friends and co-workers



Photo courtesy of ABH2 David Knoll

Aviation Boatswain's Mate Handling 2nd Class David Knoll reenlists on a snowy Qwest Field on November 27.

originally had standing-room-only tickets but were taken up to the Seahawks' clubhouse during the game.

"My wife and I ended up going up to the clubhouse too," Knoll said. "We got to eat at the buffet table for free."

Although Knoll said he didn't get to meet any of the Packers players or have his photo taken with them, it was an experience he won't forget.

"The most memorable thing of the evening was doing the reenlistment on the field while it was snowing," Knoll said. "It was something else, being able to have that type of weather because it doesn't happen all that often out here. It brought a piece of home to me."

Knoll who will be transferring to Naval Recruiting District Chicago at the end of his Lincoln term said, "I want to thank all my friends on the ship who were able to attend and share in the experience with me."

Lincoln Chief Awarded Bronze Star for Duty in Iraq

By MC2(SW) MICHAEL COOK

Penny Press staff

Chief Boatswain's Mate (SW/AW) Brian Cissell was awarded the Bronze Star Medal December 8 aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) for his service while in Iraq earlier this year.

Cissell is one of numerous Lincoln Sailors who volunteered to go overseas in

support of the Global War on Terror.

While serving with the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division at Camp Victory South, Cissell helped lead \$30 million in reconstruction efforts in Southwest Baghdad, Iraq.

Capt. C.A. McCawley, Lincoln's commanding officer, presented Cissell with the award, and commented on his commitment to serve.

"The sacrifices that were made by Chief Cissell exemplify the dedication by those serving all over the world," McCawley said. "It is in fact an individual award for service, and proves his dedication to the overall team effort."

The Bronze Star is an individual military decoration and is the fourth highest award for bravery, heroism or military service.

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Party

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to be with their loved ones and friends and said they would come back to another party given the opportunity.

"I'm having a fabulous time," said Erin Kemphues, Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Brett Kemphues' wife. "I would come back. This is a good chance to cel-

brate the season with good friends."

During the party, and in the season of giving, USS Abraham Lincoln's Commanding Officer Capt. C.A. McCawley announced those advanced to the next pay grade under the Command Advancement Program (CAP).

"I'm in shock right now," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (SW) Adnan Zeb, from Abe's Medical Dept. who was advanced. "I was told to be here and I wasn't sure why."

After the last capped Sailor was announced, McCawley handed the microphone to Richter who announced the prize drawing winners. Prizes varied from a 30 gigabyte video iPod to \$2,500 cash.

Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Jonathan Nicolini won the party's \$2,500 grand prize.

"I don't have any words to describe how I feel," said Nicolini. "I don't know

what I'm going to do, I mean, I never win anything ever. This is great; I'm going to call my parents."

Richter mentioned that the party couldn't have happened without a few key personnel.

"I would like to give a special thanks to Chief Marks, EM2 Jensen, YN2 Manabat and all the volunteers," said Richter.

"I would like to thank John Porter, but I never met him 'til tonight," Richter said jokingly.

"Christmas for Christmas' Sake" wasn't the last party of the season. Abe's MWR has one more party planned for Dec. 15 for single Sailors living on the Bremerton side.

Anyone interested in the upcoming holiday party or any future MWR events should contact their MWR representative or call the MWR office at j-dial 7028.


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Dr. Samuel Betances speaks to Abe Sailors during command diversity training held at Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton's Concourse West Fitness Center Gym.

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ers in ensuring equal opportunities also allowed him to discuss in detail the kinds of issues Sailors face in the workplace every day.

"It takes 20 years to create a Master Chief or a Captain so we have to start training now so that those future leaders among us will have the tools they need to lead in an increasingly diverse Navy," said Betances.

Before Dr. Betances' departure, he was presented a plaque by Lincoln's Commanding Officer, Capt C.A. McCawley, as a token of gratitude on behalf of the ship's officers and crew.

"Diversity is an issue that is increasingly critical to the Navy, our organization, and our ship," said McCawley. "To be successful we must increase our awareness and our understanding of this important issue."

Last Words



Shipmates

The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.



Photo by MCSN Timothy Roache

BMC (SW/AW) Brian Cissell from Abe's Deck Dept. received the Bronze Star for his service in Iraq. Cissell served in Iraq with the Army's 101st Airborne Division. Cissell is one of numerous Lincoln Sailors who volunteered to go overseas in support of the Global War on Terror.

Editor's Top 10

NASA hope to put a base on the moon in the future. Here are some suggestions for them to do instead...

10. Give everyone a gold plated toilet.
9. Try and figure out why they never made a sequel to Gigli.
8. Throw a kegger at Stephen Hawkings' house.
7. Study the black hole that is Rosie O'Donnell's mouth.
6. Calculate how much money the Navy spends on pens.
5. Find God.
4. Sit around and drink some Tang.
3. Figure out why Sudoku is so popular.
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